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ON THE LINE:

Dissenters in Catholic Press

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DISCIPLES OF two major religions, Roman Catholics and Mormons, are engaged at the moment in unrelated efforts to establish periodicals of dissent.

The Catholic group, the Committee for a conservative Catholic magazine, with offices in the Denrike Building in Washington, D. C., believes that in the Catholic publications field the "extremists" have double-crossed Pope John's happy dreams of aggiornamento.

The organization's letter appeal for a \$100,000 floating fund contains three excerpts from the liberal Catholic press and asks the would-be contributor if the quotes sound Catholic. The samples:

"Those who opposed the principle of co-existence with Russia were wrong." (Editorial in Ramparts.) "The Catholic Church may be moving toward 'a common communion with Protestants.' (Alert, publication of the National Council of Catholic Men.) "Fighting racial discrimination 'takes temporary priority over all other obligations including ecumenism and worship of God because of present conditions.'" (A diocesan newspaper.)

The group fears that Commonweal, Ave Maria, The Sign, Jubilee, The Catholic World, Ramparts, U. S. Catholic and a few others have gone too far. It states "the Left now speaks to and for the Church, in varying degrees of extravagance and stridency (through those magazines)."

A completely opposite reaction is taking place in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. There, a liberal group is seeking to start a magazine that will speak for those within

the fold who are opposed to the Church's tacit ban on Negroes.

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IN TAKING ITS customary whack at reporters, this time those covering the Mossler murder trial, Time magazine performed a contortionist's feat that should ring down the corridors of same. It clucked its tongue disapprovingly while licking its lips, looked askance while leering, pointed an accusing finger with the same hand with which it was clapping itself on the back for its own distinguished reporting of the ugly business.

"Theo Wilson (N. Y. Daily News) was impressed with a seeress named Jennie, who turned up at the trial and claimed she had never made a wrong prediction, wrote the ever anonymous Time boy. He should meet Theol She'll demand even His credentials, when she covers the Second Coming.

"As they reworked the same material and rewrote the same leads..." The Time boy reworked and rewrote without batting a long eyelash. Time invented rework and rewrite.

The magazine took its traditional swing at the Hearst man on the scene, this time Jim Bishop, who has been writing the best copy out of the trial and needs no further endorsement than that he was judged, a few years ago in an international poll, as one of the most respected reporters in the world.

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WE WANT TO EXPRESS our gratitude to Bill Paley for his plan to put a waterfall in the miniature public park he is building at great personal cost in memory of his father on the site of Sherman Billingsley's Stork Club.

The plan is in keeping with the commendable drive to preserve old New York landmarks. The Stork was always a great watering place.

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